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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-17. In particular, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-17 under the so-called non-statutory, obviousness-type double patenting rejection. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed with this response. Accordingly, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is requested.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted concurrently herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing a new reference which recently came to Applicant's attention in a related copending application. While the Applicant does not believe that this reference will affect the patentability of the pending claims, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the pending claims in connection with this reference in order to make it of record.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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